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1. All the jet fighters observed at Orel (52°55' N/36°00' E) airfield, Orel Oblast, had a container-like attachment on each wing tip.
2. Description of the container: Cigar-shaped but more like a bomb. The forward end was in line with the leading edge of the wings. The container had a circular opening about 20 cm in diameter at the forward end, tapered to the rear and projected beyond the leading edge of the wings by one third of its entire length. The container had its greatest diameter (30 to 40 cm) in the first third of its entire length as seen from the front. The apparatus was from 90 to 100 cm long and was provided with camouflage paint.
3. It seemed as if the "containers" were rigidly connected with the wings, since the containers were never dismantled from the jet fighters parked at the field and a dropping of the containers was never observed. A smoke plume was never observed at the containers, neither at take-offs nor while the plane was aloft.
4. According to Soviet civilians, the jet aircraft observed at Orel either flew to Lipetsk (52°38' N/39°30' E) or came from there. Turbine aircraft were actually observed flying at night in the direction of Lipetsk with their red position lights on. The Lipetsk airfield is said to be larger than that of Orel.

Attachment: Sketch of jet fighter observed at Orel.

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